## **DRESS CODE**

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

The Dress Code includes, but is not limited to the following and the final decision is that of the school administrator.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, includes hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails. A student's cleavage, front, back and side midriff and buttocks must be covered with clothing.

- 1. Clothing, hairstyles and all jewelry worn must be safe and not disrupt or interfere with the educational program.
- 2. Students must wear footwear at all times.
- 3. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be an appropriate length.
- 4. All outerwear, which includes but is not limited to, coats, gloves, and jackets are not to be worn in the building.
- 5. Hats, hoods, bandanas, visors, non-functional headgear and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the school building, except for religious or medical purposes.
- 6. All buttocks and boxers must be completely covered with outer garments.
- 7. No sleepwear, which includes but is not limited to, pajamas, pajama pants, bathrobes, and slippers. Likewise, it is not permissible for students to carry or wear blankets around the building. Exceptions on days designated by the school (ex: Spirit Week, team unity days)
- 8. Tube tops, halter-tops, and backless tops are not allowed. One-shoulder tops, strapless tops and low-cut tops that show cleavage are not allowed.
- See through clothing is not allowed.
- 10. Bare midriffs front, back or middle are not allowed. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts or skirts.
- 11. The wearing of chains and spike jewelry that may be used or construed as a weapon is prohibited. (No spikes, pins or chains)
- 12. Clothing and accessories must not display (1) racial or ethnic slurs, (2) gang affiliations, (3) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive language or images; nor should they promote messages including alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- 13. String backpacks or backpacks of similar size are allowed to be carried during school hours. They must be able to hang on the back of the desk's chair or under the desk. Large sport bags will not be allowed to be carried during school hours.

Each building principal or his or her designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.